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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 3 p.m. on 16 October, a train with about 40 trucks [redacted] and 25X1
12 x 122-mm field howitzers passed through the main railroad station of Magdeburg
toward Buckau.¹

2. At about 8:45 p.m. on 13 October, 12 trucks, 4 sedans, 26 tank trucks and 5 trucks
with gasoline drums were unloaded at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg. Another
shipment of 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 12 T-43 tanks, 10 to 12 x 120-mm mortars
and 22 trucks was unloaded at the barracks installation on 14 October.²

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3. On 15 October, 53 T-34 tanks were loaded at the Dranse railroad station. A total
of about 500 trucks occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drove
toward Pritzwalk from the direction of Schweinrich.

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4. The following columns passed through Beelitz on 19 October:

At 1 p.m. 8 rocket launchers [redacted] toward Treuenbrietzen.

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At about 4 p.m. 12 rocket launchers [redacted] toward Potsdam.

At about 4:30 p.m. on 23 October, a train with about 45 trucks, 2 sedans,
1 ambulance, 4 field kitchens and 2 jeeps stood at the Potsdam main railroad
station.

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5. At about 6:30 p.m. on 19 October, a train without locomotive and consisting
of about 35 boxcars occupied by troops and provided with stoves which were heated
stood on a spur track about 300 meters from the railroad station, south of
Eberswalde.⁴

1. Comment. According to the motor vehicle [redacted] a shipment of units of the 25X1
IV Army Corps which are believed to have returned from the maneuvers of the Eighth
Gds Army. Provided the gun calibers were stated correctly, the units would have
belonged to the 18th How Arty Brig [redacted] which transferred to Rathenow.
[redacted] 5 trains went to Rathenow from the training area on 16 October.

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4. Comment. The train is possibly identical with shuttle train [redacted]
which, [redacted] went from Eberswalde to Guben on 21 October.

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